

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the week of May 20, 2007, as

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week

Whereas, More than 700 million ash trees blanket the great state of Michigan, contributing to air quality, natural landscapes, recreational destinations, wildlife habitats, tourism, manufacturing, commerce and property values; and,

Whereas, Enhancing public awareness and understanding of the emerald ash borer (EAB), a destructive exotic beetle, benefits the State of Michigan by curtailing the spread of the beetle through the movement of firewood; and,

Whereas, Through joint efforts, the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Maryland as well as private, local and federal partnerships, are striving to protect the 8 billion ash trees in the United States; and,

Whereas, Spring marks the beginning of the travel and tourism season in Michigan; and,

Whereas, Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week is an opportunity for the government to join forces with business, industry, environmental groups, community organizations, tourists, and citizens to take action against the spread and introduction of EAB; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20, 2007, as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in Michigan and encourage all citizens and visitors to increase their understanding and awareness of EAB and its environmental and economic impact on Michigan.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer M. Granholm'.

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor